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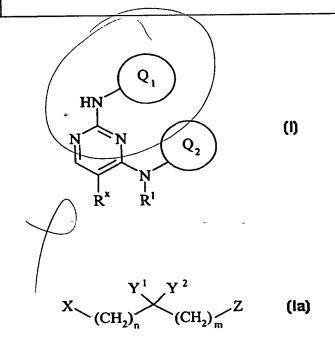
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#### (54) Title: PYRIMIDINE COMPOUNDS

#### (57) Abstract

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A pyrimidine derivative of formula (I): wherein: R1 is an optional substituent as defined within; Rx is selected from halo, hydroxy, nitro, amino, cyano, mercapto, carboxy, sulphamoyl, formamido, ureido or carbamoyl or a group of formula (Ib): A-B-Cas defined within; Q1 and Q2 are independently selected from aryl, a 5- or 6-membered monocyclic moiety; and a 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heterocyclic moiety; and one or both of  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  bears on any available carbon atom one substituent of formula (Ia) as defined within; and Q1 and Q2 are optionally further substituted; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or in vivo hydrolysable ester thereof; are useful as anti-cancer agents; and processes for their manufacture and pharmaceutical compositions containing them are described.



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#### **CLAIMS**

What we claim is:

1. A pyrimidine derivative of the formula (I):

wherein:

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R¹ is selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl [optionally substituted by one or two substituents independently selected from halo, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, hydroxy, cyano, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, -NHCOC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, trifluoromethyl, phenylthio, phenoxy, pyridyl, morpholino], benzyl, 2-phenylethyl, C<sub>3-5</sub>alkenyl [optionally substituted by up to three halo substituents, or by one trifluoromethyl substituent, or one phenyl substituent], N-phthalimido-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-5</sub>alkynyl [optionally substituted by one phenyl substituent] and C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

wherein any phenyl or benzyl group in R¹ is optionally substituted by up to three substituents independently selected from halo, hydroxy, nitro, amino, C₁.₃alkylamino, di-(C₁.₃alkyl)amino, cyano, trifluoromethyl, C₁.₃alkyl [optionally substituted by 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from halo, cyano, amino, C₁.₃alkylamino, di-(C₁.₃alkyl)amino, hydroxy and trifluoromethyl], C₃.₅alkenyl [optionally substituted by up to three halo substituents, or by one trifluoromethyl substituent], C₃.₅alkynyl, C₁.₃alkoxy, mercapto, C₁.₃alkylthio, carboxy, C₁.₃alkoxycarbonyl;

R<sup>x</sup> is selected from halo, hydroxy, nitro, amino, cyano, mercapto, carboxy, sulphamoyl, formamido, ureido or carbamoyl or a group of formula (Ib):

(Ib)

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wherein:

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A is C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, phenyl, heterocycle or heteroaryl, wherein said C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>alkenyl and C<sub>3-6</sub>alkynyl are optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from halo, nitro, cyano, amino, hydroxy, mercapto, carboxy, formamido, ureido, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkylamino, di-(C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, trifluoromethyl,

- 5 C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, phenyl, heterocycle or heteroaryl; wherein any phenyl, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, heterocycle or heteroaryl may be optionally substituted by one or more halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, formamido, ureido, sulphamoyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoyloxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoylamino,
- 10 N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbamoyl, N,N-di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)carbamoyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylthio, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphinyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl;

**B** is -O-, -S-, -C(O)-, -NH-, -N( $C_{14}$ alkyl)-, -C(O)NH-, -C(O)N( $C_{14}$ alkyl)-, -NHC(O)-, -N( $C_{14}$ alkyl)C(O)- or B is a direct bond;

C is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylene or a direct bond;

15 Q<sub>1</sub> and Q<sub>2</sub> are independently selected from aryl, a 5- or 6-membered monocyclic moiety (linked via a ring carbon atom and containing one to three heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur); and a 9- or 10-membered bicyclic heterocyclic moiety (linked via a ring carbon atom and containing one or two nitrogen heteroatoms and optionally containing a further one or two heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen and 20 sulphur);

and one or both of  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  bears on any available carbon atom one substituent of the formula (Ia) and  $Q_2$  may optionally bear on any available carbon atom further substituents of the formula (Ia):

$$X \xrightarrow{(CH_2)_n} X \xrightarrow{(CH_2)_m} Z$$
(Ia)

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[provided that when present in Q<sub>1</sub> the substituent of formula (Ia) is not adjacent to the -NH-link];

wherein:

X is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -NH-, -NR<sup>y</sup>- or -S- [wherein R<sup>y</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, optionally substituted by one substituent selected from halo, amino, cyano, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy or hydroxy];

Y' is H, C, alkyl or as defined for Z;

Y<sup>2</sup> is H or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

Z is R<sup>a</sup>O-, R<sup>b</sup>R<sup>c</sup>N-, R<sup>d</sup>S-, R<sup>e</sup>R<sup>f</sup>NNR<sup>g</sup>-, a nitrogen linked heteroaryl or a nitrogen linked heterocycle [wherein said heterocycle is optionally substituted on a ring carbon or a ring nitrogen by C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoyl] wherein R<sup>a</sup>, R<sup>b</sup>, R<sup>c</sup>, R<sup>d</sup>, R<sup>e</sup>, R<sup>f</sup> and R<sup>g</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, and wherein said C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl and C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl are optionally substituted by one or more phenyl;

n is 1, 2 or 3;

m is 1, 2 or 3;

- and Q<sub>1</sub> may optionally bear on any available carbon atom up to four substituents independently selected from halo, thio, nitro, carboxy, cyano, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl [optionally substituted by up to three halo substituents, or by one trifluoromethyl substituent], C<sub>2-4</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1-5</sub>alkanoyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxy-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, fluoro-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, amino-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, cyano-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,
- 15 C<sub>2-4</sub>alkanoyloxy-C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, carboxy-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, N-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, pyrrolidin-1-yl-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, piperidino-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, piperazin-1-yl-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, morpholino-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, thiomorpholino-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, imidazo-1-yl-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, piperazin-1-yl, morpholino, thiomorpholino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylthio,
- 20 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphinyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl, hydroxyC<sub>2-4</sub>alkylthio, hydroxyC<sub>2-4</sub>alkylsulphinyl, hydroxyC<sub>2-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl, ureido, N'-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)ureido, N',N'-di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)ureido, N',N'-di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)-N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)ureido, carbamoyl, N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)carbamoyl, N,N-di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)carbamoyl, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkanoylamino, sulphamoyl, N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)sulphamoyl,
- N,N-di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)sulphamoyl;
  and also independently, or where appropriate in addition to, the above substituents, Q<sub>1</sub> may optionally bear on any available carbon atom up to two further substituents independently selected from C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, phenyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, phenyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, phenylthio, phenyl, naphthyl, benzoyl, benzimidazol-2-yl, phenoxy and a 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocycle
  (linked via a ring carbon atom and containing one to three heteroatoms independently selected

from oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen); wherein said naphthyl, phenyl, benzoyl, phenoxy, 5- or

6-membered aromatic heterocyclic substituents and the phenyl group in said phenyl- $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, phenylthio and phenyl- $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy substituents may optionally bear up to five substituents independently selected from halo,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl and  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy; and  $Q_2$  may optionally bear on any available carbon atom up to four substituents

- 5 independently selected from halo, hydroxy, thio, nitro, carboxy, cyano, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl [optionally substituted by up to three halo substituents, or by one trifluoromethyl substituent], C<sub>2-4</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1-5</sub>alkanoyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxy-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, fluoro-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, amino-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, cyano-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkanoyloxy-C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, carboxy-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl,
- 10 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, carbamoyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, *N*-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbamoyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, *N*,*N*-di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)-carbamoyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, pyrrolidin-1-yl-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, piperidino-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, piperazin-1-yl-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, morpholino-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, thiomorpholino-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, imidazo-1-yl-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, piperazin-1-yl, morpholino, thiomorpholino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, cyano-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, carbamoyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, *N*-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylcarbamoyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy,
- N,N-di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)-carbamoyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, 2-aminoethoxy, 2-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylaminoethoxy, 2-di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)aminoethoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, halo-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, 2-hydroxyethoxy, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkanoyloxy-C<sub>2-4</sub>alkoxy, 2-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxyethoxy, carboxy-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, 2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-ethoxy, 2-piperidino-ethoxy, 2-piperazin-1-yl-ethoxy, 2-morpholino-ethoxy, 2-thiomorpholino-ethoxy, 2-imidazo-1-yl-ethoxy, C<sub>3-5</sub>alkenyloxy, C<sub>3-5</sub>alkynyloxy,
- 20 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylthio, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphinyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl, hydroxyC<sub>2-4</sub>alkylthio, hydroxyC<sub>2-4</sub>alkylsulphinyl, hydroxyC<sub>2-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl, ureido, N'-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)ureido, N',N'-di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)ureido, N'-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)-N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)ureido, N',N'-di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)-N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)ureido, carbamoyl, N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)carbamoyl, N,N-di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)carbamoyl, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkanoylamino,
- sulphamoyl, N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)sulphamoyl, N,N-di-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)sulphamoyl, and also independently, or where appropriate in addition to, the above optional substituents, Q<sub>2</sub> may optionally bear on any available carbon atom up to two further substituents independently selected from C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, phenyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, phenyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, phenylthio, phenyl, naphthyl, benzoyl, phenoxy, benzimidazol-2-yl, and a 5- or 6-membered aromatic
- 30 heterocycle (linked via a ring carbon atom and containing one to three heteroatoms independently selected from oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen); wherein said naphthyl, phenyl,

benzoyl, phenoxy, 5- or 6-membered aromatic heterocyclic substituents and the phenyl group in said phenyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, phenylthio and phenyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy substituents may optionally bear one or two substituents independently selected from halo,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl and  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or in vivo hydrolysable ester thereof.

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- A pyrimidine derivative according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, methyl, 2. -CH2CH2CH2CF3, -CH2CH=CHBr, -CH2CH=CHPh; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or in vivo hydrolysable ester thereof.
- A pyrimidine derivative according to claims 1 or 2 wherein R\* is selected from fluoro, 10 3. chloro, bromo, nitro, amino, cyano, carboxy, methyl, methoxy, ethoxy, ethoxymethyl, vinyl, allyloxymethyl, hydroxymethyl, 2-hydroxyethoxymethyl, 4-hydroxybutoxymethyl, dimethylaminomethyl, diethylaminomethyl, ureidomethyl, formamidomethyl, methylaminomethyl, isopropylaminocarbonyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, benzoylamino,
- 15 4-phenylbutyryl, 2-phenylvinyl (optionally substituted by fluoro), benzyloxymethyl, cyclohexyloxymethyl, 3-cyclopentylpropionyl, morpholino, furyl, imidazolylmethyl, isoxazolyloxymethyl (optionally substituted by methyl), quinolinylaminomethyl, benzothienylaminomethyl, pyrazolylaminomethyl, isoxazolylaminomethyl, thiazolylthiomethyl and tetrazolylthiomethyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or in vivo 20 hydrolysable ester thereof.
- - A pyrimidine derivative according to any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein Q<sub>1</sub> and Q<sub>2</sub> are selected from phenyl, pyridyl, indanyl, indazolyl, indolyl, quinolyl, pyrazolyl or thiazolyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or in vivo hydrolysable ester thereof.

- A pyrimidine derivative according to any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein the substituent 5. of formula (Ia) is 3-amino-2-hydroxypropoxy, 3-methylamino-2-hydroxypropoxy, 3-dimethylaminopropoxy, 3-dimethylamino-2-hydroxypropoxy, 3-ethylamino-2-hydroxypropoxy, 3-diethylaminopropoxy, 3-isopropylaminopropoxy,
- 30 3-isopropylamino-2-hydroxypropoxy, 3-isopropylamino-2-hydroxy-2-methylpropoxy, 3-isobutylamino-2-hydroxypropoxy, 3-t-butylamino-2-hydroxypropoxy,

- 3-ethoxy-2-hydroxypropoxy, 3-(N-isopropyl-N-benzylamino)-2-hydroxypropoxy,
- 3-(N-allyl-N-methylamino)-2-hydroxypropoxy, 3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)propoxy,
- 3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-hydroxypropoxy, 3-(4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl)-2-hydroxypropoxy,
- 3-morpholinopropoxy, 3-morpholino-2-hydroxypropoxy,
- 5 3-cyclopentylamino-2-hydroxypropoxy, 3-pyrrolidin-1-yl-2-hydroxypropoxy,
  - 3-imidazol-1-ylpropoxy, 3-(N', N'-dimethylhydrazino)-2-hydroxypropoxy,
  - 3-N', N'-dimethylaminopropylamino, 3-N', N'-dimethylamino-2,2-dimethylpropylamino,
  - 3-N',N'-dimethylamino-2-hydroxy-N-methylpropylamino, 3-N'-isopropylaminopropylamino
- or 3-imidazol-1-ylpropylamino; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or in vivo hydrolysable
- 10 ester thereof.
- A pyrimidine derivative according to any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein Q<sub>2</sub> is optionally substituted by halo, hydroxy, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, hydroxy-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, fluoro-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy-C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, morpholino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, 2-morpholino-ethoxy, 2-imidazo-1-yl-ethoxy,
   C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylthio, carbamoyl, amino, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkanoylamino, sulphamoyl, phenyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, phenyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, phenyl and phenoxy; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof.
- 7. A pyrimidine derivative according to any one of claims 1 to 6 wherein Q<sub>1</sub> is optionally 20 substituted by halo; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof.
  - 8. A pyrimidine derivative according to any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein the substituent of formula (Ia) is on Q<sub>1</sub>; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof.

- 9. A pyrimidine derivative according to any one of claims 1 to 8 which is: 5-bromo-2-{4-[2-hydroxy-3-(N,N-dimethylamino)propoxy]anilino}-4-anilinopyrimidine; 5-bromo-2-{4-[2-hydroxy-3-(N,N-dimethylamino)propoxy]anilino}-4-(pyrid-2-ylamino)pyrimidine;
- 30 5-bromo-2-{4-[2-hydroxy-3-(isopropylamino)propoxy]anilino}-4-(6-methylpyrid-2-ylamino)pyrimidine;

5-bromo-2-{4-[3-(isopropylamino)propoxy]anilino}-4-anilinopyrimidine;

5-bromo-2-{4-[3-(imidazol-1-yl)propoxy]anilino}-4-(6-methylpyrid-2-ylamino)pyrimidine;

or

- 4-anilino-5-bromo-2-{4-[2-hydroxy-2-methyl-3-(isopropylamino)propoxy]anilino}pyrimidine
- 5 or pharmaceutically acceptable salt or in vivo hydrolysable ester thereof.
  - 10. A pyrimidine derivative according to any one of claims 1 to 8 which is: 5-bromo-2-{4-[2-hydroxy-3-(N,N-dimethylamino)propoxy]anilino}-4-(4-chloroanilino) pyrimidine; or
- 5-bromo-2-{4-[2-hydroxy-3-(*N*,*N*-dimethylamino)propoxy]anilino}-4-[*N*-(4,4,4-trifluorobutyl)anilino]pyrimidine; or pharmaceutically acceptable salt or *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof.
- 11. A process for preparing a pyrimidine derivative of the formula (I) which comprises 15 of:
  - a) reacting a pyrimidine of formula (II):

$$Q_1 \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow L$$

$$M \longrightarrow N$$

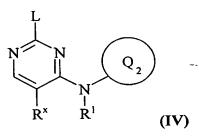
$$M \longrightarrow N$$

wherein L is a displaceable group, with a compound of formula (III):

$$\begin{array}{c}
\mathbb{R}^1 \\
\mathbb{N} - \mathbb{Q}_2
\end{array}$$

(III)

b) reaction of a pyrimidine of formula (IV):



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wherein L is a displaceable group, with a compound of formula (V):

- c) for compounds of formula (I) where n is 1, 2 or 3, m = 1,  $Y^2$  is H and  $Y^1$  is OH,  $NH_2$  or SH
- 5 by reaction of a 3-membered heteroalkyl ring of formula (VI):

$$(CH_2)_n$$

$$X$$

$$Q_1$$

$$N$$

$$N$$

$$R$$

$$Q_2$$

$$R$$

$$(VI)$$

wherein A is O, S or NH; with a nucleophile of formula (VII):

Z-D

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(VII)

wherein D is H or a suitable counter-ion;

d) for compounds of formula (I) where X is oxygen:

by reaction of an alcohol of formula (VIII):

HO 
$$Q_1$$
  $N$   $N$   $Q_2$   $Q_2$   $Q_3$   $Q_4$   $Q_5$   $Q_5$ 

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(VIII)

with an alcohol of formula (IX):

$$Z \xrightarrow{Y^1 Y^2} OH$$

$$(CH_2)_m (CH_2)_n OH$$

e) for compounds of formula (I) wherein X is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -NH- or -S-, Y<sup>1</sup> is OH, Y<sup>2</sup> is H and 20 m is 2 or 3; reaction of a compound of formula (X):

LgO- 
$$(CH_2)_m$$
  $(CH_2)_n$   $(CH_$ 

wherein LgO is a leaving group; with a nucleophile of formula (VII);

f) for compounds of formula (I) wherein X is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -O-, -NH- or -S-; Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>2</sup> are H; n is 1, 2 or 3 and m is 1, 2 or 3; reaction of a compound of formula (XI):

LgO- 
$$(CH_2)_m$$
  $(CH_2)_n$   $(CH_$ 

wherein LgO is a leaving group; with a nucleophile of formula (VII);

g) for compounds of formula (I) wherein X is -O-, -NH- or -S-; Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>2</sup> are H; n is 1, 2 or 3 and m is 1, 2 or 3; reaction of a compound of formula (XII):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
HX & Q_1 & N & R^X \\
Q_1 & N & N & R^X \\
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N & N & R^X & Q_2
\end{array}$$
(XII)

with a compound of formula (XIII)

$$Z_{\sim}(CH_2)_{m} (CH_2)_{n}^{\sim} L$$
(XIII)

wherein L is a displaceable group;

h) for compounds of formula (I) in which Z is HS-, by conversion of a thioacetate group in a corresponding compound;

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and thereafter if necessary:

- i) converting a compound of the formula (I) into another compound of the formula (I);
- ii) removing any protecting groups;
- iii) forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or in vivo hydrolysable ester.

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12. A method for producing an anti-cancer effect in a warm blooded animal which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a pyrimidine derivative of the formula (I) according to any one of claims 1 to 10, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof.

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13. The use of a pyrimidine derivative of the formula (I) according to any one of claims 1 to 10, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, or *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the production of an anti-cancer effect in a warm blooded animal.

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14. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a pyrimidine derivative of the formula (I) according to any one of claims 1 to 10, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof, and a pharmaceutically-acceptable diluent or carrier.

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